

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.-21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) A distributed printing ~~image-processing~~ system including an asset managing system (200) comprising printing device asset management and service applications (220), a services host system (340) including printing imaging device subscribable service applications (320), and a[[n]] plurality of printing imaging devices (440) wherein the asset managing system, service host system and plurality of printing imaging devices are in network communication, and further including:

a common device model agent (DMA) module disposed within each of the printing imaging devices, the DMAs including:

a common application programming interface;

a first DMA application for monitoring printing imaging device events and prescribing corresponding actions;

a second DMA application for performing dynamic updates of executable printing imaging device services including adding new service code that can be selectively subscribed to by the printing devices and selectively initiated by the printing devices; and,

a service manager application for selectively executing the first and second DMA applications and facilitating interactive communication with the asset managing system and services host system,

wherein the DMA modules are [[is]] configured to provide printing imaging device active participation in the printing imaging device subscribable service applications by receiving service component subscription information selectively provided by a user, requesting activation of a user selected service during a scheduled check in with the asset managing system, ~~the executable device services includes adding new service components that can be selectively subscribed to by the imaging device and selectively~~

~~initiated by the imaging device, the asset managing system is configured to communicate the DMA requested activation of a service to the services host system, the services host system is configured to determine the eligibility of the DMA requested activation of a service based on the subscription information selectively provided by the user and notify the asset managing system of the eligibility determination, the DMA module is configured to receive eligibility notification for the DMA requested activation of a service from the asset managing system during a scheduled check in with the asset managing system and download the requested service code from the service host system if eligible, and the DMA module is configured to execute the service code using the common application programming interface the DMA module is configured to receive service component subscription information selectively provided by a user, and the service host system (310) is configured to process the subscription information selectively provided by the user and provision the imaging device subscribable service applications based on the subscription information selectively provided by the user.~~

23. (Canceled)

24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) The printing ~~image processing~~ system of claim 22 wherein the service manager comprises a standards-based tool set common to a plurality of DMA modules respectively disposed in a plurality of printing ~~imaging~~ devices within the distributed image processing system.

26. (Currently Amended) The printing ~~image processing~~ system of claim 22, wherein the DMA module comprises an infrastructure for printing ~~image~~ device service applications independent of printing ~~imaging~~ device resources.